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SUBJECT: NSP REPORTEDLY TO SUPPORT RATIFICATION OF DCA

BUT WITH RESERVATIONS

1. PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTIES OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) IN THEIR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GROUP MEETING APRIL 6 ARE REPORTED BY SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS TO HAVE DECIDED TO SUPPORT RATIFICATION OF THE U.S. TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) "DESPITE CERTAIN INADEQUACIES," NOTING THAT THE PARLIAMENT IS ONLY COMPETENT TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, NOT TO AMEND, THE AGREEMENT.

2. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO APRIL 8 MILLIYET, THE NSP ASSEMBLY GROUP HAD OBJECTIONS OR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF THE DCA:

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A. THE POWERS TO BE GIVEN TO THE SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICER

UNDER ARTICLE 5.

B. THE PROSPECT THAT AMERICANS COULD CONSTITUTE MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF BASE PERSONNEL IN THE ABSENCE OF SUFFICIENT TRAINED TURKISH TECHNICAL PERSONNEL.

C. ARTICLE 15 OF THE DCA LIMITS PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO AMERICANS TO THOSE GRANTED TO ALL NATO PERSONNEL. THE NSP DEPUTIES REPORTEDLY DECIDED THAT SINCE AMERICANS HAVE ENJOYED CERTAIN SPECIAL PRIVILEGES UNTIL NOW, THIS ARTICLE NECESSITATES A CHANGE IN THE PRESENT TURKISH LAW BY PARLIAMENT AND THE NSP WILL TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN ABROGATING THOSE PRIVILEGES GRANTED AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN TURKEY WHICH ARE SUPERIOR TO PRIVILEGES GRANTED OTHER NATO PERSONNEL.

D. ALTHOUGH THE FIGURE OF \$1,366 MILLION U.S. AID TO TURKEY OVER A FOUR YEAR PERIOD IS USED BY THE MFA, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 19 GRANT AID WILL ONLY TOTAL 200 MILLION DOLLARS OVER FOUR YEARS.

3. THE DEPUTIES ALSO REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT:

A. THE AGREEMENT MUST NOT STALL EFFORTS TO FOUND A NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRY.

B. THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THE DCA IS ITS EXCLUSION OF THE CYPRUS AND AEGEAN DISPUTES.

C. THE AGREEMENT MUST NOT BE DEBATED BY THE PARLIAMENT PRIOR TO ITS ENDORSEMENT BY THE U.S. CONGRESS.

4. COMMENT: THE PRESS REPORTS THAT THE NSP WILL SUPPORT RATIFICATION OF THE DCA ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS FAVORABLE STATEMENTS MADE BY NSP LEADERSHIP. THAT THE NSP WOULD SIMULTANEOUSLY HAVE CERTAIN RESERVATIONS IS IN CHARACTER FOR THE PARTY. THEIR REPORTED POSITION THUS ALLOWS THEM TO SHARE IN WHATEVER CREDIT COMES FROM HAVING REACHED A NEW AGREEMENT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME DEMONSTRATING THAT THEY FAVOR A TOUGHER, LESS CONCESSIONARY AGREEMENT THAN THE ONE SIGNED BY CAGLAYANGIL. THEY ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPARENTLY ARE AGAIN SERVING NOTICE TO PRIMUM DEMIREL THAT THE NSP'S SUPPORT -- ON THIS AS ON OTHER ISSUES -- SHOULD NEVER BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.
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